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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAY 3 LETTER FROM APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON, ENCLOSING FULL TEXT OF FORMER CHAIRMAN CISSE'S (GUINEA) STATEMENT OF APRIL 14:

QUOTE SIR,
IN PURSUANCE OF A DECISION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, I AM TRANSMITTING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE AT THE 321ST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID ON 14 APRIL 1976, BY THE THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, H.E. MME. JEANNE MARTIN CISSE, CONCERNING THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AGAINST APARTHEID AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

LESLIE O. HARRIMAN
CHAIRMAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID

TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, H.E. MADAME JEANNE MARTIN CISSE, AT THE 321ST MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID ON 14 APRIL 1976, CONCERNING THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, TO MAKE SPECIAL MENTION OF THE TRUST FUND FOR PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID. THIS IS A FUND ESTABLISHED ONLY LAST YEAR, ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECENTLY ADDRESSED AN APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS TRUST FUND. UNLIKE THE OTHER FUNDS WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY LIMITED TO HUMANITARIAN AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, THIS FUND HAS A DIRECT POLITICAL PURPOSE OF REINFORCING UNITED NATIONS PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID AND THEREBY ENCOURAGING SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

I WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO EXPRESS SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED OR PLEDGED TO THIS TRUST FUND, THIS YEAR, NAMELY, INDIA, JAPAN, MAURITANIA, NIGERIA, NORWAY, THE PHILIPPINES, SYRIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND UGANDA. SEVERAL MORE GOVERNMENTS AND SOME ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUND BY PRINTING PUBLICATIONS OF THE CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID FOR WIDER DISTRIBUTION IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES. OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS TRUST FUND WAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ITS RESOURCES ARE UTILIZED BY THE CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WORKING GROUP OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, FOR THE PUBLICATION OF PAMPHLETS, PRODUCTION OF LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF FILMS AND GRANTS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
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- IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CONSENSUS WHICH LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST FUND.

I AM, THEREFORE, RATHER DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF A CAMPAIGN AMONG SOME WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO DISCOURAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND. I AM CONSTRAINED TO REFER TO THIS MATTER AS I HAVE HEARD OF THIS CAMPAIGN NOT ONLY IN NEW YORK BUT ALSO FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

APPARENTLY THIS CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED IN "RETALIATION" AGAINST

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THE ACTIVITY OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN PUBLISHING INFORMATION ON COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND MEMORANDA RECEIVED BY IT, AND ESPECIALLY THE PUBLICATION BY THE CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID OF A PAPER DELIVERED BY MR. ABDUL S. MINTY, HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT, BEFORE A SEMINAR SPONSORED BY A UNITED NATIONS AGENCY IN DAR-ES-SALAAM. THAT PUBLICATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE TRUST FUND AND IS PART OF THE NORMAL WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID.

I MAY RECALL THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS FOLLOWED THE POLICY OF CONSULTATION AND DIALOGUE WITH THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE DENIALS BY ANY GOVERNMENT OF ANY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST IT IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OR IN HEARINGS BEFORE IT. ANY GOVERNMENT IS WELCOME TO COMMUNICATE ANY DENIALS OR CLARIFICATIONS TO US. BUT IF THEY CHOOSE CONFRONTATION, AND IF THEY TRY TO OBSTRUCT THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE MANDATE FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE CAN ONLY SERVE NOTICE THAT THIS COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE DIVERTED FROM ITS DUTY.

I WILL REFRAIN FROM FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS MATTER AT THIS STAGE IN THE HOPE THAT WISER COUNSELS WILL PREVAIL AMONG THE DELGATIONS CONCERNED. I WILL ONLY REITERATE THAT THE CENTRE AGAINST APARTHEID IS A COMPLEMENT TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND THAT THE CENTRE ENJOYS THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE
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